

Division of Nephrology



Information for patients



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Why should I choose the Division of Nephrology at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center?

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center physicians have a long history of pioneering treatments for kidney disease. Hopkins Bayview was both the first hospital in Baltimore to offer dialysis and to perform a kidney transplant. In 1995, doctors at Hopkins Bayview were the first in the world to remove a living donor's kidney through minimally invasive surgery, paving the way for a nationwide increase in the number of organ donors.

Our experts are always working toward advances in health care. Recently, Hopkins Bayview became the first hospital in Maryland to offer a computerized measure of kidney function that most accurately reflects the ability of each patient's kidneys to filter waste. This helps the health care team plan as early as possible for dialysis or transplant and to adjust medication doses.

Our doctors staff a daily kidney clinic at Hopkins Bayview's main campus and at Johns Hopkins White Marsh. In partnership with GAMBRO Healthcare, we offer free educational seminars for patients at every stage of kidney disease.



What if I need dialysis?

We offer dialysis at our main campus, Whitesquare Dialysis and Gambro-Dundalk. We are developing a home dialysis program. Through this plan, a health care team will bring dialysis equipment to your home and teach you how to use it. They will be available by telephone if you have additional questions. You will still need to check in with your doctor at least once a month.

What if I need a kidney transplant?

For patients with the most severe forms of kidney disease, the Division of Nephrology works with Johns Hopkins' kidney transplant program — one of the best in the country. Transplant surgeons are available at both Bayview and The Johns Hopkins Hospital campus in East Baltimore. The transplant program has several specialty plans to accommodate patients with or without a

compatible organ donor, as well as patients whose kidney disease is so complex that they might normally reject a donor kidney. Your nephrologist will continue to monitor you throughout the transplant process.



What are your hours?

Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, a care provider is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year should you need immediate medical attention. At your first appointment, your doctor will give you a card with his or her name and information on how to reach them.

What about my bill?


The Division of Nephrology accepts a variety of insurance plans. Please bring your insurance card to every visit to ensure a smooth billing process. Co-pays may be paid by cash, personal check, credit card, traveler's checks or money orders. We also offer financial counseling to identify payment options.

How do I make an appointment?

To see a kidney specialist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's, call 410-550-1800. To see a kidney specialist at Johns Hopkins' offices in White Marsh, call 410-338-3000.



The Division of Nephrology is available for patients at any stage of kidney disease. Our goal is to provide the highest quality care while helping patients manage their condition. The practice is made up of physicians and nurse practitioners who are Johns Hopkins University faculty members. Not only do we provide care for patients, we also teach students, medical residents and other doctors in the community. We see patients with a wide range of conditions, including diabetes and high blood pressure; inherited disorders such as polycystic kidney disease; and end-stage renal disease. We also help patients through every step of a kidney transplant.



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